Washer Kills Woman

BERGEN, Norway (AP)—Mrs. Agnes Edvardsdal, 28, died in the grip of her washing machine. While she was washing clothes, her loose scarf was grabbed by the electric wringer on top of the machine. She was strangled.

Wage Boost Urged

OTTAWA (CP) — A federal conciliation board recommended a wage increase Wednesday for the firemen's union on the CNR but said firemen should be dropped on freight and yard diesel engines.

The Canadian National will accept the recommendations, it was learned Wednesday night. The CPR signed Tuesday.

The brotherhood—which has 3,000 men on the CNR and which pulled a three-day strike against the CPR last summer on the diesel issue—has not yet made up its mind.

Available information was that the union—the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen (CLC)—will not call a strike on the publicly-owned system.

Only official word from union official W. E. Gamble of Montreal, though, was:

"We'll have to refer it to the members."

Regional meetings of BLFE officials are being called for the next few days. It will take about a fortnight before the ballots are in.

Columbia Statement This Week

CHICAGO (AP) — The International Joint Commission has ended a three-day discussion of development of the Columbia River basin.

The Canadian and United States representatives reported progress Wednesday and announced a statement will be issued Friday in Washington and Ottawa.

The co-chairmen, Douglas McKay for the United States, and General Andrew McNaughton for Canada, issued a brief summary. It set forth:

"At its meetings on March 16 and March 17 the international Columbia River engineering board formally presented its report and conclusions concerning the possibilities for joint development of the Columbia River. The conclusions of the board will be released to the public on March 29 from Ottawa and Washington.

"Discussion within the commission have progressed to the point that draft principles for the determination and sharing of downstream benefits will be presented for discussion at the April meeitng of the commission."

The April session is the commission's semi-annual meeting. It will be held in Washington.

U.S. Destroyers In Weekend Call

Three United States naval reserve destroyers on a training cruise will arrive at Esquimalt about 4.30 p.m. Saturday for an overnight stay.

They are the Whitehurst, Watts and Brannon. Forty-eight officers and 583 sailors will be aboard. They leave at 8 a.m. Sunday.

Big Lift for Tall Timbers

Two big fork-lift trucks handle huge 100-foot-long planks at Bellfountain, Ore. They were felled for a railroad dock in Jersey City, N.J. Each of the Douglas fir planks is 9 by 16 by 100 feet and weighs 2,600 pounds.

1,100 Charges Pending

Driving Law Valid Justices Decide

TORONTO (CP)—Ontario's careless driving law has been upheld, paving the way for prosecution of more than 1,000 motorists.

A split decision Wednesday by the Ontario Court of Appeal quashed a judgment by Chief Justice J. C. McRuer of the Ontario Supreme Court that the legislation was invalid because it infringed on federal rights.

The Appeal Court decision, supported by three of the five judges, said Chief Justice McRuer erred in ruling that the careless driving legislation had invaded the field reserved for the federal Criminal Code.

Attorney-General Roberts said prosecution of 1,100 motorists whose cases had been held in abeyance since the original judgment last Dec. 4 would proceed immediately.

The case stemmed from a careless driving conviction and $50 fine against David Yolles of Hamilton. His lawyer, Sidney Paikin, argued that Mr. Yolles' driving speed of 80 miles an hour was not automatic proof of careless driving.

He said yesterday an appeal may go to the Supreme Court of Canada.

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B.C. Law Legal, Too

Attorney-General Bonner yesterday welcomed the Ontario Court of Appeal decision upholding that province's careless driving law as supporting the legality of similar legislation now on the statute books of B.C.

Red Challenge Underestimated

WASHINGTON (AP)—Senator J. William Fulbright (Dem., Ark.) says the Eisenhower administration's approach to foreign aid indicates it is "unaware of the depth and scope of the Soviet challenge."

Fulbright, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, introduced the new $3,930,000,000 foreign aid authorization Wednesday at the administration's request.

But he told the Senate he reserves "my right to support it in whole or in part, and to offer amendments as may seem appropriate."

Fulbright noted President Eisenhower's recent remarks that the freign aid program is the same one Congress authorized last year.

"There is no evidence that the adminstration is now or ever will be willing to urge the American people to take in one notch on our belt to deal with a Soviet challenge which confronts us in missiles, arms, and just downright capacity to produce."

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Peace Pact Prepared

To Be Held Ready For Summit Parley

WASHINGTON (AP)—The United States has prepared a tentative draft of a German peace treaty for possible use in a foreign ministers meeting with Russia.

By contrast with Russia's peace treaty proposal of several weeks ago, the U.S. provisions would leave the way open for a sovereign all-German government to forge whatever links it wished with neighboring nations and other countries of the world.

The U.S. document — some officials say it is more a statement of principles than a tentative treaty draft — has been proposed to Britain, France and West Germany for discussion.

The Western European allies were reported to be cool to the idea of carrying forward plans for a German treaty at this time. They apparently feel that under Western conditions for actually negotiating and signing such a pact, the more urgent problems are those involved in reunifying Germany. The United States, officials here said, is not pressing the issue.

But U.S. officials emphasize that the Soviet government obviously intends to raise the question of a peace treaty at a foreign ministers meeting, and they want the Western powers to be ready to meet it in some way.

Western planning now is based on the idea that the essential first step in solving the problems of Germany is some move toward reuniting the divided country and creating an all-German government.

Example Set Canada, U.S. By Asians

While Canada and the United States "cannot come to terms" on development of the Columbia River, four small southeast Asia countries are setting a "most inspiring example of international co-operation."

G. S. Andrews, provincial surveyor-general, said Viet Nam, Cambodia, Laos and Thailand have in a few years come to agreement on harnessing 2,800-mile-long Mekong River.

After more than 10 years of studies the international committee discussing the Columbia is still holding formative meetings, he told more than 30 members of the Victoria branch, United Nations Association.

Mr. Andrews was in charge of preparatory work of mapping the Mekong River last summer under the United Nations.

Electrical Group To Meet Monday

A closed meeting will be held by members of the Victoria Electrical Association at 8 p.m. Monday in the B.C. Electric conference room.

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